LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

[c01]   (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

  means for receiving a first incoming communication;

  means for producing a first initial alert of the first incoming communication;

  means for suppressing subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication for a period of time;

  means for receiving a second incoming communication during the period of time of suppression; and

  means for producing a second initial alert of the second incoming communication while the subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication are suppressed.

[c02]   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for associating the first incoming communication to a profile.

[c03]   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for retrieving a timing parameter that specifies the period of time of suppression.

[c04]   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling alerts after the time period has passed.

[c05]   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the timing parameter ranges from approximately one second to approximately two minutes.

[c06]   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for retrieving a schedule preference that enables timed ring suppression for times of day and days of week.

[c07] (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for receiving an incoming call as the first incoming communication, means for producing a first ring and means for suppressing subsequent rings for a period of time.

[c08] (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising means for receiving a second incoming call as the second incoming communication, means for producing another ring to alert of the second incoming call during the period of time in which the subsequent rings are suppressed.

[c09] (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

> means for processing a first incoming communication;
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> means for sending a first initial alert of the first incoming communication;
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> means for suppressing subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication for a period of time;
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> means for processing a second incoming communication during the period of time of suppression; and
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> means for sending a second initial alert of the second incoming communication while the subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication are suppressed.

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[c13] (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

> receiving a first incoming communication;
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> producing a first initial alert of the first incoming communication;
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> suppressing subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication for a period of time;

    receiving a second incoming communication during the period of time of suppression; and

    producing a second initial alert of the second incoming communication while the subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication are suppressed.

[c14] (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising associating the first incoming communication to a profile.

[c15] (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising retrieving a timing parameter that specifies the period of time of suppression.

[c16] (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising enabling alerts after the time period has passed.

[c17] (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the timing parameter is greater than two minutes.

[c18] (Previously Presented) A computer program product storing computer-readable instructions for performing a method for timed ring suppression, the method comprising:

    receiving a first incoming communication;

    producing a first initial alert of the first incoming communication;

    suppressing subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication for a period of time;

    receiving a second incoming communication during the period of time of suppression; and

    producing a second initial alert of the second incoming communication while the subsequent alerts of the first incoming communication are suppressed.